



# Department of Defense INSTRUCTION

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SUBJECT: Administration of the Civilian Health and Medical Program  
of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS)

References: (a) DoD Instruction 6010.8, "Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Administration of," January 10, 1977 (hereby canceled)  
(b) DoD 5025.1-M, "Directives System Procedures," April 1981, authorized by DoD Directive 5025.1, October 16, 1980  
(c) DoD Directive 5400.9, "Publication of Proposed and Adopted Regulations Affecting the Public," December 23, 1974  
(d) Title 10, United States Code, Chapter 55, "Medical and Dental Care"  
(e) DoD Directive 5136.1, "Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)," October 5, 1984  
(f) DoD Directive 5105.46, "Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services," December 4, 1974  
(g) DoD Directive 5025.1, "Department of Defense Directives System," October 16, 1980

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### A. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Instruction:

1. Reissues reference (a).
2. Authorizes the publication of DoD 6010.8-R, "Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS)," consistent with DoD 5025.1-M (reference (b)). The DoD 6010.8-R provides guidelines for the worldwide administration of CHAMPUS and prescribes a uniform policy for an equitable delivery of authorized health care benefits to all beneficiaries.

### B. APPLICABILITY

This Instruction applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Unified and Specified Commands, and the Defense Agencies (hereafter referred to collectively as "DoD Components"); and, by agreement, to the Coast Guard, the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service.

### C. POLICY

It is DoD policy that the regulations pertaining to the administration of CHAMPUS that have a substantial and direct impact on the CHAMPUS public

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shall be promulgated and published in the Federal Register in accordance with DoD Directive 5400.9 (reference (c)).

D. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Under 10 U.S.C. 1073, Chapter 55 (reference (d)), the Secretary of Defense shall administer CHAMPUS for the armed forces under his jurisdiction, the Secretary of Transportation shall administer CHAMPUS for the Coast Guard when the Coast Guard is not operating as a service in the Navy, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall administer CHAMPUS for the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and for the U.S. Public Health Service. The Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of Transportation shall jointly prescribe regulations for the administration of CHAMPUS (see 10 U.S.C. 1079 and 1086, Chapter 55, reference (d)).

2. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), under DoD Directive 5136.1 (reference (e)), shall:

a. Develop, issue, and maintain regulations, with the coordination of the Military Departments, as necessary and appropriate, to fulfill the Secretary of Defense's responsibility to administer 10 U.S.C., Chapter 55 (reference (d)).

b. Provide policy guidance to, and exercise direction, authority, and control over the Office of CHAMPUS, consistent with 10 U.S.C., Chapter 55 (reference (d)) and DoD Directive 5105.46 (reference (f)).

3. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), under reference (f), in coordination with the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) and the Director, OCHAMPUS, shall ensure the conveyance of information regarding CHAMPUS programs and services to potential users.

4. The Director, Office of the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (OCHAMPUS), or a designee, shall:

a. Establish and maintain, for the functions assigned in DoD Directive 5105.46 (reference (f)), an appropriate publication system for the promulgation of regulations, instructions, and reference documents, and changes thereto, pursuant to the policies and procedures prescribed in DoD Directive 5025.1 (reference (g)).

b. Convey appropriate CHAMPUS information to providers of care, practitioners, professional societies, health industry organizations, CHAMPUS fiscal intermediaries, and others who have need of such information, including CHAMPUS beneficiaries, in accordance with reference (f).

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E. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Instruction is effective immediately.

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